

April 16, 1942.

Mr. James Semler,
% Allen Johnson,
Mounds, Ill.

Dear Semler:

I received your letter yesterday and learned almost at the same time that Troupe is in Mexico. I talked to Abe on the phone last night and he said, he has decided not to worry with any trades at the present.

Now about the Paterson situation, Mr. Thomas F. Kelley of the Board of Education, the man we had dealt with last year and the only person I know there to make any contact with about the Park, has refused to O. K. the dates up to now, on the grounds that the Park had been promised to the Black Yankees. I wrote him about a week ago and quoted from your letter where you had authorized me to go ahead and secure the dates. To date I have not had a reply from him.

I would suggest that you write him directly and ask him please to notify me that the dates are O. K., as I cannot order the placards until I have this contract. Please take care of this right away, as I would like to get as much advance publicity as possible.

Very truly yours,

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